


ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



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**Planting Cotton/Soybean/Rice and Fertilizing Pastures*

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RELEASED: May 1, 2000 3:00 p.m.—Temperatures averaged below normal for the week with some heavy rain in the extreme southeastern areas. Rainfall was below normal for the week for all other areas. Hail and high winds damaged some wheat, oat and corn fields in the Gin City area early last week. 5.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 16 percent short, 73 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus.

CROPS: Rice, soybean (group IV), cotton planting continues. Producers were applying pre-emergence herbicides to rice. Burn down herbicides were being applied to some cotton fields in preparation for planting. Sorghum and corn planting was in full swing with corn planting being near completion. Corn was being side dressed with nitrogen. Stripe rust and armyworms were increasing in wheat fields. Tomato crop planted with some fruit set--spotted wilt virus starting to occur on some plants. Other activities included land preparation for spring planting of forage, cutting hay, cleaning out chicken houses, and fertilizing and liming pastures and spraying for weed control in pastures.

LIVESTOCK: Cattle were being vaccinated and wormed. Farmers also taking procedures for fly control on cattle. Cattle were making excellent gains on cool season pastures.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM								
Planted	62	35	46					
Emerged	35	NA	NA					
COTTON								
Planted	7	6	7					
SOYBEANS								
Planted	9	6	8					
RICE								
Planted	56	45	54					
Emerged	19	9	19					
CORN								
Planted	97	84	91					
Emerged ¹	81	29	47					
WHEAT				1	3	23	51	22
Headed	96	86	77					
ALFALFA				1	4	29	62	4
OTH. HAY				2	7	34	48	9
PASTURE				1	6	30	50	13

¹/Corn emerged progress is a 2-year average instead of a 5-year average.

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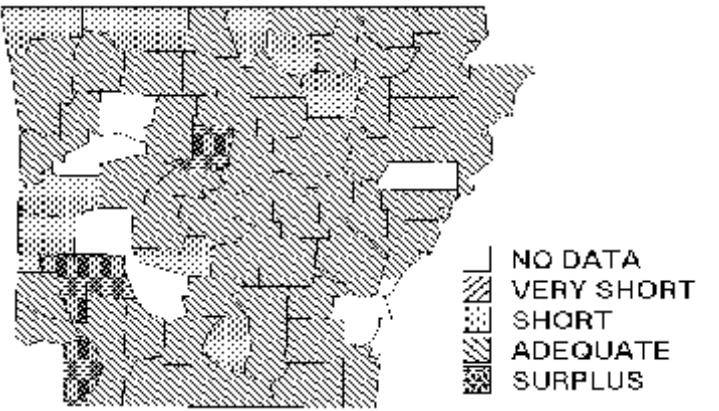
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:
APRIL 30, 2000. Heavy rain fell in many areas early in the week, and the remainder of the week was generally rain free. Precipitation ranged from 0.09 inch at Fayetteville to 2.20 inches at El Dorado. Rainfall was below normal for the week for all but the extreme southeast. Temperatures averaged below normal for the week. The high of 84⁰ was reported at Hot Springs and the low of 39⁰ was reported at Fayetteville.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING ARPIL 30, 2000

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	WEEK ENDING APR 30	CURRENT APR ACCUM.	APR NORMAL	JAN-MAR	
1 Fayetteville	77	39	-5	0.09	1.64	4.44	6.48	7.69
Harrison	79	46	-2	0.37	1.38	4.27	7.42	8.73
2 Calico Rock	80	42	-3	1.85	2.81	4.24	8.08	9.72
Evening Shade				na	0.00	4.44	0.00	10.99
Gilbert	81	40	-3	1.48	3.12	4.38	6.49	8.86
Greers Ferry	80	41	-2	1.33	3.82	4.79	9.60	12.21
Mountain Home	78	47	-2	1.34	2.57	4.40	8.36	9.30
3 Batesville	79	48	-2	1.72	2.89	4.72	8.87	11.36
Black Rock				na	0.00	4.30	0.00	11.78
Georgetown				na	0.00	5.35	0.00	13.01
Jonesboro	80	45	-4	1.65	3.43	5.11	7.81	12.97
Keiser	81	49	-1	1.45	4.83	5.19	9.45	13.73
Newport	81	49	-2	1.90	4.35	4.85	9.79	12.55
4 Booneville	80	46	na	0.90	2.23	na	5.59	na
Clarksville	78	48	-2	0.77	1.54	4.38	6.25	10.34
Dardanelle	80	45	-3	1.71	2.80	4.40	7.72	11.12
Ft. Smith	81	47	-2	1.09	2.09	3.97	5.72	8.45
Mena	77	44	-5	0.54	2.78	5.80	9.49	11.81
Ozark	77	45	-5	0.48	1.56	4.35	7.76	9.54
5 Hot Springs	83	47	-3	0.91	2.79	5.89	8.88	13.14
N Little Rock	83	50	0	0.71	3.51	5.08	8.73	11.71
6 Augusta				na	0.00	5.14	0.00	12.47
Marianna	80	48	-3	0.12	3.83	5.51	11.75	13.81
Stuttgart	80	55	2	0.38	3.49	5.25	9.12	13.18
7 Hope	79	45	-3	0.66	2.98	5.55	8.78	12.25
8 Camden	83	47	-4	0.24	3.46	5.12	12.10	13.21
El Dorado	83	46	-1	2.20	6.35	5.37	12.16	13.59
9 Arkansas City				na	0.00	5.43	0.00	15.38
Eudora	83	48	-4	0.35	8.88	5.31	18.55	15.88
Pine Bluff	81	49	-5	0.72	2.90	5.28	8.31	13.81
Rohwer	81	47	-4	0.12	9.60	5.46	16.40	15.03

na = data not available

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